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The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" The Curator has certain powers of appointment himself, and in such cases applications do not go beyond the Curator."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know whether even appeals to the higher authorities against failure of justice have not been sent up by the Curator ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" There is no appeal available to any one who is not appointed to a particular post. No one has any right to an appointment to a particular post."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know, Sir, whether any appeals from existing officers representing grievances and injustice done have not been forwarded to the higher authorities ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" I have no reason to suppose that it is the case. If any appeal is to go to a higher authority, it will be duly submitted."

Government Press

Eligibility of service in the Lawrence Asylum Press for pension.

*435 *Q.*—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether service in the Lawrence Asylum Press prior to its transfer to Government is counted as service for pension under the Government of Madras ;

(*b*) whether the Lawrence Asylum Press were granting pensions to their employees ; and

(*c*) what is the number of persons claiming service in the Lawrence Asylum Press as counting for pension ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) No information is available. Claims for pension are made at the time of retirement and are decided then.

* Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" Arising out of the answer to clause (*b*), is the hon the Home Member aware that there was an application from the employees of the Lawrence Asylum Press to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras that they had been getting pension in the Lawrence Asylum Press ? May I know whether the Government has taken any action on the same and would not consider the granting of pension to these men who are now employed in the Government Press ? "

* The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Claims for pension are made at the time of retirement."

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" Is that the usual practice under Government that claims for pension are made at the time of retirement and no previous arrangement is made for men employed in Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " That is what I said. Claims for pension will be considered only at the time of retirement."

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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member, in view of the answer to clauses (b) and (c), whether he has any intention of getting information as to the fact that the employees were getting pension when they were employed in the Lawrence Asylum Press, and, if that is so, whether he has any intention to make that a claim for pension in Government service ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

Employment of old hands in the Government Press on light work.

*436 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, was asked to place the older hands on light work to minimise the disadvantages due to old age ; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the number of old hands in the Government Press, the number placed on light work and the rates given to them per hour ?

A.—(a) Yes, so far as compositors were concerned.

(b) It was found that there was no work lighter than that done by compositors.

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" In regard to answer to clause (b), if 'there was no work lighter than that done by compositors,' may I know whether these pieceworkers have been kept on the same scale of pay as those of the compositors ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" No, Sir. Differently."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" Why, Sir ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Because they have to be paid according to the work turned out by them."

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—" If that is so, and if the same quality and the same amount of work is done by them, are they paid on the same scale of pay as the other staff ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" As far as the compositors are concerned, they are given the same pay."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know what exactly is the work that is described here as 'work lighter than that done by compositors'? What was the exact work given them ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The work of compositors."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know if it was composing, imposing, or correction, which of the three ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Any of the three according to their fitness."